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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

We started this week celebrating President's Day. In recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government, Happy Birthday Mr. President! In council this week, we received a special update from the LAUSD Superintendent regarding the State of Education in Los Angeles. Continuing on the education track, we approved a motion in support of ethnic studies at CSULA. We helped celebrate Engineers Week by hosting an egg drop for two local schools in our district. We continued our advocacy for the Los Angeles River by signing on to a motion that seeks to re-establish the previous recreational zone pilot program along the LA River. We also continued our advocacy for health concerns along the river caused by Metrolink's maintenance yard by hosting an upcoming community meeting. We end the week introducing you to Team Cedillo's Sylvia Robledo.

Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, District 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ethnic Studies Motion



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Tuesday the City Council approved a motion by Councilmember Cedillo in support of making Ethnic Studies a requirement for graduation at CSULA. Several Councilmembers spoke in favor of the motion, citing the importance of learning our history and the importance of fostering tolerance and understanding of cultural differences. The matter was tabled once again at CSULA's Academic Senate and is expected to be taken up in the near future.

To read motion please click [here](#).

State of LAUSD Schools



(Photo Credit: Betsy Annas)

LAUSD Superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy presented to the City Council on the 'State of LAUSD' as it pertained to each district respectively. Dr. Deasy boasted improvements in many areas, yet highlighted the room for improvement in just about every area. He promised to return on a yearly basis to share with the Council LAUSD's accomplishments.

Ord & Yale Update



(Photo Credit: CRA/LA)

On Friday, the City Council approved a motion to allow the City to accept an \$800,000 contribution into the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program (CIEP) account for the Ord & Yale park project. The money will be used to create a pedestrian right of way next to the proposed park site.

To read motion please click [here](#).

Re-establishing the Recreational Zone Along the LA River



(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

Councilmember Cedillo seconded a motion on Wednesday to re-establish the Recreational Zone Program along the LA River, which was a pilot that ended in summer 2013. The program consisted of various recreational activities such as non-motorized boating (kayaking), fishing, bird watching and hiking. The motion will make its way to the Arts, Parks, Health, Aging & River Committee. A report to the full Council is expected within thirty days.

To read motion please click [here](#).

Engineers Week



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Friday Councilmember Cedillo honored Engineers Week recognizing the City of Los Angeles' Bureau of Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers and students from Gates Elementary and 10th Street Elementary. This year's theme for Engineers Week is 'Let's Make a Difference.' Councilmember Cedillo thanked the City's Bureau of Engineering and the Engineer Professional Association, while encouraging STEM programs throughout Los Angeles in order to prepare the next generation of engineers.

FIELD UPDATE

SEA Commencement Ceremony



(Photo Credit: SEA)

Tonight Soledad Enrichment Action's (SEA) Commencement Ceremony will take place at the Sotomayor Learning Academies on San Fernando Road. SEA was founded in 1972 by mothers in East Los Angeles who had lost their sons to gang violence. From these humble beginnings, SEA has since grown to become the leading provider of services to high-risk individuals, families, and gang-affected communities within Southern California. SEA combines individually-tailored high school educational services with a diverse array of wrap-around and support services.

Congratulations to all the graduates.

NEWS UPDATE

Cedillo Inspires Students with Egg Drop



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

120 students from Gates Elementary and 10th Street Elementary were treated to an egg drop event at City Hall on Friday. Part of the Engineers Week celebration, Councilmember Cedillo helped students learn about the mechanics of the egg drop. Students were split into teams and designed their own egg dropping mechanism. Without a doubt, those who chose a parachute device were successful in keeping their egg from breaking.

Students received a tour of City Hall and learned about public service.

Getting To Know Team Cedillo: Sylvia Robledo



Name: Sylvia Robledo

What do you do for CD1?

Field Deputy responsible for Sycamore Grove, Mt. Washington and Montecito Heights.

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Boyle Heights. However, my family lives in the San Gabriel Valley.

How'd you get your start in Public Service?

I was always in student government growing up and I became politically involved in college. My father is very politically astute and always voted in every election. In fact, my family is big on political discussion and debates and everyone votes!

Favorite place to visit in CD1?

I have two favorite places to visit and that is Debs Park and the Arroyo Seco Library. I enjoy the hiking trail at Debs Park and it is a perfect place to soak up Mother Nature. I feel spiritually balanced around natural habitats. The Arroyo Seco Library is beautiful and the resource librarians are so helpful, informed and provide great customer service! The library was my favorite place as a child so I guess the nerd in me hasn't changed much.

What's the best kept secret in CD1?

Well, that it funny because I would say Debs Park and the Arroyo Seco Library are hidden gems They are both underutilized. Get out there hike and read!

What is your favorite P.E.A.C.E. issue are and why?

My favorite issue is Arts and Culture. I am blessed to live and work in such a dynamic cultural center. Sycamore Grove is filled with artists and museums such as The Southwest Museum, The Lummis House and Heritage Square. Studio Avenue 50 is also an exceptional creative resource and outlet for artist. Art, culture and creativity can alter your mood, attitude and can enhance all of the senses. Even students who struggle in school may blossom with a creative outlet. I applaud Councilmember Cedillo for recognizing the value of artists and the creative expression of many.

If you could solve one major issue in CD1 what would it be?

Jobs and Economic Development are practical and necessary. People have to feed their children and provide shelter and security for their family.

What do people not know about you?

I am an open person. However, I do know many secrets. SSSSHHHHHH!!! My lips are sealed.

Metrolink Community Meeting



On Tuesday, February 25th Councilmember Cedillo will host a community meeting to gain input for Metrolink's Community Health Risk Assessment in partnership with CD13. We began this project while in the CA Assembly. Metrolink offered to conduct a Community Health Risk Assessment in the area to measure cancer and other risks associated with long term exposure to the pollutants created by their train engines. This is your opportunity to give input.

Join us and let your voice be heard.

WHAT: Metrolink's Community Health Risk Assessment
WHEN: Tuesday, February 25, 2014
TIME: 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
WHERE: Dorris Place Elementary Auditorium
2225 Dorris Place (enter off of Riverside Drive)
Los Angeles, CA 90031

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wilshire Lions Club Meeting

Friday, February 21st, 2014
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
La Parilla Restaurant
1300 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213)858-2509



**4th Annual Lummis Day Film Night Presents
"Detained in the Desert" and "Sacred Journey,"
Two Films About Dramatic Life Passages**

Saturday, February 22nd, 2014

7:00 PM

The Church On York

4904 York Blvd

Highland Park, CA 90042

L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K Run/Walk & Bike Ride

Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM

Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 8:00 AM

943 North Broadway

Los Angeles, CA 90032

www.firecracker10k.org



Kenny Washington Square Dedication

Thursday, February 27th, 2014

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

North Broadway/Lincoln Park Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90031



LA River Greenway Day of Service

Saturday, March 1st, 2014

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

LA River High School

2050 N. San Fernando Road

Los Angeles, CA 90065



Acting Classes in Spanish

By Los Angeles Theatre Academy
Saturday, March 1st through summer
Children 10:00 AM
Teens 11:00 AM
Adults 1:00 PM
1544 N. Boylston Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
(213)373-LATA (5282)



**Inaugural Walking Tour Extravaganza for the
The Living Museum:Sycamore Grove**

Saturday, March 8th, 2014
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sycamore Grove Park
4702 N. Figueroa
Los Angeles, CA 90042
<http://livingmuseumla.blogspot.com>



**Los Angeles Fire Department
Battle of the Badges Blood Drive**

Monday, March 10th, 2014

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center

1700 Stadium Way

Los Angeles, CA 90012

(213)893-9838



Free Tax Preparation

El Centro Del Pueblo Family Source Center

1824 Sunset Blvd. (between Sunset & Lemoyne)
Los Angeles, CA90026
(213) 483-6335 ext. 111



Free Artmaking Workshops
Cypress Park Family Source Center
Thursday, February 6th – April 17th, 2014
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
929 Cypress Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90065



LACC Art Exhibit

February 8th – March 1st, 2014
Avenue 50 Studio Gallery
131 North Avenue 50
Highland Park, CA 90042

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